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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Davi	vid Portnoff	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
-	nowledge and belief the accompanying financial s Securities Inc	statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of Dec	ecember 31	, 20 019 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
	er the company nor any partner, proprietor, princ fied solely as that of a customer, except as follow	ipal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
		Signature
This rea	Notary Public Out	Title  Title  PUBLIC, State of New York  Io. 01TA5068172  iffed in Kings County  In Expires 10/28/
(a) (b)	) Facing Page. ) Statement of Financial Condition. ) Statement of Income (Loss).	
(e) (f) (g) (h) (i)	<ol> <li>Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.</li> <li>Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity</li> <li>Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinat</li> <li>Computation of Net Capital.</li> <li>Computation for Determination of Reserve Recommendation Relating to the Possession or Conference</li> </ol>	ed to Claims of Creditors.  quirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.  rol Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
☐ (k)	Computation for Determination of the Reserve	ation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.  Idited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
(m)	n) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	ound to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

## Unlu Securities Inc. (A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Ünlu Menkul Degerler A.S.) Contents Year Ended December 31, 2019

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### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholder of Unlu Securities Inc.

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Unlu Securities Inc., (the "Company") (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Unlu Menkul Degerler A.S.), as of December 31, 2019, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statement"). In our opinion, the statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company, as of December 31, 2019, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statement based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Mazors USA LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2016.

New York, NY February 21, 2020



# Unlu Securities Inc. (A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Ünlu Menkul Degerler A.S.) Statement of Financial Condition

# **December 31, 2019**

Assets	
Cash	\$ 479,790
Due from Parent	17,850
Prepaid expenses and other assets	 25,903
Total assets	\$ 523,543
Liabilities and stockholder's equity	
Due to Parent	\$ 100,192
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	 35,567
Total liabilities	 135,759
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 1,000 shares	
authorized, issued and outstanding	10
Additional paid-in capital	1,509,990
Accumulated deficit	 (1,122,216)
Total stockholder's equity	 387,784
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$ 523,543

#### 1. Organization and Nature of Business

Unlu Securities Inc. (the "Company") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ünlu Menkul Degerler A.S. (the "Parent"), a Turkish financial institution. The Company was incorporated in Delaware on February 9, 2015. The Company registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and became a non-clearing member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) on February 10, 2016 and commenced operations on the same date.

The Company focuses primarily on sales and trading of Turkish-related fixed income and equity products, including private placements.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The financial statement has been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

#### **Concentration of Risk - Cash**

The Company maintains its cash balances in a single financial institution which, at times, exceeds federally-insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant risk on cash and cash equivalents. At December 31, 2019, the balance in excess of insured amounts is approximately \$230,000.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

The Company recognizes revenues in accordance with ASC 606, "Revenue from Contract with Customers". The Company buys and sells securities on behalf of its customers. Each time a customer enters into a buy or sell transaction, the Company charges a commission. Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on the trade date (the date that the Company fills the trade order by finding and contracting with a counterparty and confirms the trade with the customer). The Company believes that the performance obligation is satisfied on the trade date because that is when the underlying financial instrument or purchaser is identified, the pricing is agreed upon and the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to/from the customer. The Company recognizes research revenue when the Company provides research to a customer and collectability is assured. The Company believes that the performance obligation is satisfied at a point in time when research is provided and collectability is probable as the customer can benefit from the research services alone.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740. The Company follows an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting for income taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed as the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities based on presently enacted tax laws and rates. Valuation allowances are established to reduce deferred tax assets when it is deemed more likely than not that such assets will not be realized.

The determination of the Company's provision for income taxes requires significant judgment, the use of estimates, and the interpretation and application of complex tax laws. Significant judgment is required in assessing the timing and amounts of deductible and taxable items and the probability of sustaining uncertain tax positions. The benefits of uncertain tax positions are recorded in the Company's financial statements only after determining a more-likely-than-not probability that the uncertain tax positions will withstand challenge, if any, from tax authorities. When facts and circumstances change, the Company reassesses these probabilities and records any changes in the financial statements as appropriate. Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits are recorded in the income tax provision. U.S. GAAP provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the financial statements. The guidance requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken to determine whether the tax positions are "more likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. The Company recognizes the effect of income tax positions if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

During the normal course of business, the Parent provides various services that accounts for a portion of the Company's business activities.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Related Party Transactions (continued)**

Pursuant to a brokerage and services agreement, the Company earns commission on trades executed and cleared by the Parent. In return, the Company pays clearing costs equal to 50% of the commission earned in connection with the agreement. The Company earned commission income of approximately \$86,400 for the year ended December 31, 2019, from the Parent. Commission receivable amounted to approximately \$17,900 at December 31, 2019 and are reported as Due from Parent in the accompanying statement of financial condition. Commission receivable as of December 31, 2018 was approximately \$103,800 which was collected during the year. The related clearing fees charged by the Parent amounted to approximately \$43,200 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The Parent allocated salary expenses to the Company, based on the CEO's estimated time spent each month for the Company. Approximately \$39,000 was allocated in 2019. The Company owes the Parent \$100,192 at year ended December 31, 2019 relating to salary allocation and is reported as Due to Parent in the accompanying statement of financial condition.

#### **Accounting Developments**

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases ("ASU 2016-02"). This update requires all leases with a term greater than 12 months to be recognized on the balance sheet through a right of use asset and a lease liability and the disclosure of key information pertaining to leasing arrangements. This new guidance is effective for years beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. As the Company's current lease term is for 12 months, management has elected to account for its short-term lease by recognizing the lease payments in operations on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### 3. Regulatory Net Capital Requirement

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1-a-2-i). The Company has elected the alternative standard, which requires the maintenance of the greater of \$250,000 or 2% of aggregate debit items in minimum net capital. At December 31, 2019, the Company had net capital (as defined) of \$361,880 which was \$111,880 in excess of the required minimum net capital of \$250,000.

#### 4. Income Taxes

At December 31, 2019, the Company had federal and state net operating loss carryforwards ("NOL") of approximately \$1,033,000 and \$1,031,000, respectively, available to offset future taxable income. There is \$369,000 of Federal NOL incurred in 2018 and 2019 which will be carried forward indefinitely and \$664,000 of accumulated Federal NOL incurred in the years before 2018 which will expire in 20 years. The Company's net deferred tax asset

before valuation allowance was approximately \$362,000, primarily as a result of net operating losses and amortization of startup costs. As of December 31, 2019, the Company recorded a full valuation allowance against its deferred tax asset since it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will not be realized. During 2019, the valuation allowance increased by approximately \$70,000 from \$292,000 to \$362,000.

#### 4. Income Taxes (continued)

At December 31, 2019, management believes the Company did not have any uncertain tax positions. At December 31, 2019, the Company's income tax returns for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 are subject to examination by the tax authorities.

#### 5. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company executes, as agent, securities transactions on behalf of its customers. If the agency transactions do not settle because of failure to perform by either the customer or the counterparty, the Company may be obligated to discharge the obligations of the nonperforming party and, as a result, may sustain a loss if the value of the security is different from the contract amount of the transaction.

#### 6. Commitments

In December 2019, the Company renewed its New York office lease through December 2020. Minimum rental payments attributable to the lease agreement are approximately \$58,000. Rent expenses for the year ended December 31, 2019 was approximately \$58,000.

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# Unlu Securities Inc.

(A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of ÜNLÜ MENKUL DEGERLER A.S.)

**Statement of Financial Condition** 

Year Ended December 31, 2019